GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF W.T.O. AGREEMENTS ON FERTILISER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee to study the impact of World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreements on the fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(d) if not, the time by which the committee is likely to submit its report ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir.

(c): The disclosure of recommendations of the Task Force Report may adversely affect the position of country in the international market. It would, therefore, not be desirable to reveal the same at this stage. However, the recommendations of the Task Force will be used to form the basis of further action by the Government including inter alia imposition of tariffs on imports and/or such other measures as are necessary to protect the interest of the domestic fertiliser industry.

(d): Does not arise